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(b) whether he has inquired into the alleged irregularities, and whether any orders have been passed on the complaints above referred to;

(c) whether he will place a copy of the orders passed by the Government on the table of the House; and

(d) whether the Government will appoint a non-official committee to go into the alleged irregularities of the elections held in the City of Madras in last September, and prevent the repetition of such irregularities in future by taking the necessary steps therefor?

A.—(a) Copies of complaints made by a candidate and certain voters to the Commissioner of the Madras Corporation and to the polling officer in connexion with the election held on 17th September 1927 for the 19th division were received. There was no election on 19th September 1927.

(b) & (c) No action was taken on the complaints as the Government had no jurisdiction in the matter.

(d) The Government do not propose to appoint a committee as suggested. The question of issuing rules for the decision of election disputes is under consideration.

Education

Number of boarders in Government hostels.

* 1521 Q.—MR. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of boarders at present in each of the hostels maintained by the Government and the amount of expenditure annually incurred on them; and

(b) the number of boarders in the Boarding House now maintained by the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore, and the amount of grant sanctioned for the same this year?

A.—(a) Particulars in respect of the hostels maintained for the depressed classes and Kallars are given below:—

	Number of Boarders.	Probable expenditure in the current year.
		RS.
(1) Paddison Hostel, Madras ...	55	10,500
(2) Government Depressed Classes Hostel, Masulipatam ...	50	8,470
(3) Kallar Hostel, Tanjore ...	90	8,190
(4) Boarding Home, Usilampatti.	161	6,860

Particulars regarding other hostels have been called for.

(b) The number of boarders in the home maintained by the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore, is 23 including two paying boarders. The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 130 a month towards the cost of boarding of about 16 Adi-Dravida boys.